

CUP WIN FOR WYCOMBE W.

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE Wanderers found Aveley, the Athenian League Second Division side with an impressive cup fighting record, a lively handful in their Amatur Cup First Round clash at Wycombe, but their persistent attacking in the second half brought them victory.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell; Bradshaw, Beck; Baker, Rundie. Gale; Worley, Samuels. Bates, Horseman, Merrick.

Aveley: McConnell; Winship, Reed; Delea, Shilling, Emsden; Mack, Geddes, Pook, Jackson, Abel. Referee: C F Atwell (Northampton).

In spite of the muddy pitch, Wycombe showed much needed combination in attack but the young Aveley defenders gave little away and play swung quickly from end to end.

Aveley looked dangerous in some right wing raids by Mack but their opening goal was something of a bonus, against the run of play. Inside right GEDDES tried a speculative long shot in the 11th minute and the ball slipped from goalkeeper Maskell's grip as he dived, and rolled over the line.

This surprise setback sparked a series of all-out Wycombe assaults but Aveley packed their goal well.

HORSEMAN broke through for Wycombe but was robbed at the last minute. But he eventually equalised, after 32 minutes, when he ran through to force home an accurate centre from Samuels.

Wycombe were now well on top and McConnell made bril-

liant saves from Worley, and another from left back Beck, while another shot from Worley hit the cross-bar.

Half-time: Wycombe 1. Aveley 1.

Wycombe kept up almost continuous attacks in the second half but their finishing was poor and McConnell looked very safe until 23 minutes after the interval, when BATES smashed home a brilliant goal, from a pass by Merrick, to put Wycombe in the lead for the first time.

After Maskell had made two good saves in Aveley counter-attacks, Wycombe were still pressing hotly at the end but unable to increase their lead against Aveley's stubborn defence.

RESULT:

WYCOMBE WANDS 2
AVELEY 1

WYCOMBE HAD TO FIGHT

Wycombe Wands 2 Aveley 1

ALTHOUGH they were well on top for most of the game Wycombe Wanderers made hard work of their F.A. Amateur Cup victory over Aveley, the Athenian League Second Division side.

Wycombe had an early shock when Aveley took the lead in the first 10 minutes, goalkeeper Maskell allowing a long shot from Geddes to slip through his grasp.

Apart from right-winger Mack, the Aveley forwards made little impression on the home defence and they were limited to breakaway attacks.

Hard-working wing halves Baker and Gale, and inside forwards Samuels and Horseman, gave Wycombe the advantage and most of the play was in the Aveley half. But the home forwards had a frustrating time against Aveley's quick-tackling backs. And it was not until the 33rd minute that Horseman equalised from a Samuels pass.

Then, only brilliant saves by goalkeeper McConnell from Worley and Beck kept the visitors still in the game.

Both sides had goals disallowed for offside in the second half. The winner came in the 68th minute when Bates smashed in a pass from Merrick.